THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) No, Sir. This Ministry has not received any report of misappropriation of central funds meant for development of tribals by the officers of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh Governments.

Displacement of tribal communities

†1115. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tribal communities have been displaced on a large scale from their traditional abode in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by government to curb this tendency?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Tribals have been displaced and alienated from their traditional abode owing to various socio-economic reasons. The latest information in this regard, collected from Ministry of Rural Development is given below:

(in acres)

Name of State	Area
1, Andhra Pradesh	31324
2. Assam	4192
3. Bihar	9742
4. Gujarat	19633
5. Karnataka	15352
6. Madhya Pradesh	61275
7. Orissa	896
8. Rajasthan	1526
9. Tripura	21

(c) Land being a State subject, most of the State Governments have enacted laws for prevention of alienation of tribal land. The Supreme Court in a recent judgement in 'Samatha* case has restricted transfer of tribal land. Relevant extracts of the judgment have been circulated to the State for compliance.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.